



BIOGRAPHY



COLONEL DAVID B. CHIESA

Colonel David B. Chiesa is Commander, 71st Medical Group at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The mission of the 71st Flying Training Wing is to develop professional Airmen, deliver world-class Joint Pilots and deploy combat ready warriors.

Col Chiesa was born in Long Beach, California, November 21 1962. He was raised in Mission Viejo and graduated from Mission Viejo High School. Colonel Chiesa earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology in 1985 from California State University Fullerton and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio in 1989. Colonel Chiesa was commissioned as a second lieutenant in November 1988 and entered active duty in July 1989 as Captain.

Colonel Chiesa is married to the former Karina Kessler of St. Joseph, Missouri. They have 4 children: Caleb (20), Clorissa (18), Carlie (15) and Chloe (13)



EDUCATION:

- 1985 Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology, California State University Fullerton
- 1989 Doctor of Dental Surgery, University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio
- 1990 General Practice Residency, Travis AFB, California
- 1995 Air Command and Staff College (seminar)
- 1997 Comprehensive General Dental Residency, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2001 Air War College (seminar)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1989 - 1990 General Practice Resident, Travis AFB, CA
2. 1990 - 1991 Assistant Base Dental Surgeon, Ankara, Turkey
3. 1991 - 1994 General Dental Officer, Lakenheath AFB, England
4. 1994 - 1995 Assistant Base Dental Surgeon, Brooks AFB, TX
5. 1995 - 1997 Resident, Comprehensive General Dental Residency, Lackland AFB, TX
6. 1997 - 2000 Assistant Director Advanced Education General Dentistry, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
7. 2000 - 2002 Chief, USAF Dental Education, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX
8. 2002 - 2004 Chief, Medical and Line Officer Accessions, HQ AFRS, Randolph AFB, TX
9. 2004 - 2005 Associate Director Senior Leader Management, Associate Director Dental Services, HQ USAF, Office of the Surgeon General, Bolling AFB, Washington DC

10. 2005 - 2007 79th Dental Squadron Commander, Andrews AFB, MD
11. 2007 - 2009 21st Dental Squadron Commander, Peterson AFB, CO
12. 2009 - 2011 Air Force senior Leader, Pentagon Tri-Service Dental Clinic, Pentagon
13. 2011 - 2013 Director, Pentagon Tri-Service Dental Clinic
14. 2013 – Present: Commander, 71st Medical Group Vance AFB, OK

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
AFMC Junior Dental Officer of the Year 1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Dental Association
Academy of General Dentistry
American Board of General Dentistry
International College of Dentists
Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Captain	July 5, 1989
Major	May 14, 1995
Lieutenant Colonel	May 14, 2001
Colonel	May 10, 2006

(Current as of Jan 2014)